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Bill # 6528

To the Members of the Commerce Committee, My name is Bruce Williams. I am Vice President of Captain's Cove Seaport, 1 Bostwick Avenue, Bridgeport, a marina complex located on Black Rock Harbor .We are now in the application process for designation as a clean marina by the Ct. DEEP.Silting in our marina over the last several decades has progressively made our operations here more difficult.We currently have slip space for over 300 boats but some 10% of those slips have been rendered nearly unusable because of ever- decreasing water depths.In addition to our marina facilities, Captains Cove has always been a venue for waterfront events and maritime festivals. Our Seaport was formerly the homeport of the tallship H.M.S.Rose and numerous other historic vessels have visited here over the years. Permanently moored here are the schooners" Mystic Whaler", "Unicorn" and "John Pfriem". Each year we are finding it more and more difficult to accommodate these vessels as water depths decrease. We would like to voice our strongest support for Bill # 6528. Please contact me at the Seaport {203}335-1433 if I can provide any further information. Thank for addressing this very important situation. Bruce Williams